



BELIZE WINS AGAIN!

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Unofficial indications this week are that the People's United Party has swept yet another election, receiving a strong mandate of confidence and support from an overwhelming majority of villages countrywide. According to statistics, the PUP won decisively in 85% of communities, with the UDP and independents almost even in the others. In a historic first for Belize, the People's United Party has maintained or surpassed its voter popularity in every single election since 2020, establishing its dominance in electoral politics, a clear show of growing confidence from voters.

In every corner of this country, communities small and large, voters came out to show their appreciation for the

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unprecedented work that has been done since November 2020. Never before have residents of rural communities seen the level of infrastructural development that they have seen under the Briceño administration. Never before have rural communities experienced the development in water systems, upgrades and electrification. Even the remotest communities in the deep south, like Machakilha, have been transformed thanks to the government. The work started the day after the election in 2020 and has never stopped.

Rural communities have also benefitted from programs implemented by this administration, like digital connect centres which have created vital access to information and digital services; high-speed internet to schools countrywide, many of them in rural communities; women empowerment and training; small business support; free education; feeding programs in school; upgraded health facilities; national health insurance and so many other initiatives and projects which have demonstrated the commitment of this government to our people. The people have clearly continued to return that love to the People’s United Party, in election after election.

And even as the PUP experienced sweeping success in village council elections, the announcement came that the Belize National Teachers Union, the Public Service Union and the Association of Public Service Senior Managers had reached an amicable agreement with Government on a way forward. That is another huge win, not for the Government, but for the people and country. It also marks a successful conclusion to every negotiation this government has held with the unions since 2020, peacefully and around the negotiation table. This is a stark contrast to the 13 years of the past administration led by Dean Oliver Barrow, when negotiations were conducted with batons, tear gas, rubber bullets and Police brutality. The UDP had no respect or regard for the unions or for the people of Belize, and that is why the UDP is where it is right now – a carcass that has no hope of regaining the love and support of the people.

As we go to press, while the nation moves from strength to strength, the UDP is operating (or not) with three self-proclaimed leaders, none of whom command the support of the people. As a party, they are a non-entity, and as an Opposition, they are a disgrace to the country and to the region, a laughing stock. And even if they do, in the next few years, manage to mount a slate, Belizeans understand that the country will go nowhere with the UDP. Forward always with the People’s United Party.



PG Launch Cell Phone Repair for Women & Girls



July 1, 2025 - The Ministry of Investment, through its Investment Policy and Compliance Unit (IPCU), in collaboration with the Taiwan Technical Mission, the Ministry of Human Development, Family Support, and Gender Affairs, the Punta Gorda Town Council, and the Toledo Community College, launched a training titled “Cell Phone Repair Training for Women in Belize.”

This initiative aims to create self-employment opportunities for participants by equipping them with technical skills in the cleaning, upkeep, maintenance, and repair of cell phone devices. The training responds to a national shortage of skilled technicians and the lack of cell phone repair services in various parts of the country, particularly in southern Belize, where no formal training course currently exists.

The Ministry of Investment aims

to diversify export-led economic activity in the Toledo District by enhancing skills and the entrepreneurial spirit of the citizens, especially in growth sectors such as the Orange Economy.

Present at the opening of the training were Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez, Minister of Human Development, Family Support & Gender Affairs; His Worship Carlos Galvez Mayor of Punta Gorda Town Council; Mr. Andrew Su, Chief of the Taiwan Technical Mission in Belize; Mr. Frantz Smith, Investment Policy Officer in the Investment Policy and Compliance Unit; Ms. Indira Usher, Foreign Service Officer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Culture, and Immigration; Mr. Abisur Quintal, Instructor and Owner of Jarvis Fix; and Mrs. Shaunna Sanchez, Principal of the Toledo Community College.

In 2024, IPCU, alongside the National Women’s Commission, introduced a pilot cell phone repair training program for women in the Corozal and Orange Walk Districts. The program successfully empowered participants to earn additional income from home by offering repair services for mobile phones, devices widely used by content creators in the Orange Economy. Building on this success, the Ministry secured funding from the Taiwan Technical Mission to expand the initiative, with the Toledo District as the first beneficiary. (release)

The planBelize 2.0 vision to expand on the Orange Economy and to continue with the empowerment of every sector of society especially women and children is highly present in this ongoing initiative.

LIFE CHANGING BILLS FOR JUSTICE, OSH, LOTTERY & more

June 27, 2025 — The House of Representatives met last Friday at the temporary site of the National Assembly at the George Price Center in Belmopan for a highly productive session, which resulted in the passage of four key pieces of legislation, each aimed at improving governance, strengthening justice, and modernizing Belize’s legal and financial systems. While several other bills were introduced and referred to committees for further review, it was the legislation that moved through final passage that promises many benefits for Belizeans.

Central Bank Amendment Enhances Financial Oversight

Among the most significant achievements was the passage of the Central Bank of Belize (Amendment) Bill, 2025. This amendment adds the Director General of the Financial Services Commission (FSC) to the Central Bank’s Board. This inclusion represents a strategic move toward greater financial sector oversight and coordination. By integrating the FSC directly into the Central Bank’s governance, the bill ensures stronger regulatory alignment and oversight over both banking and non-banking financial institutions, ultimately enhancing financial stability and consumer protection.

Bail Bill Reform Creates Fairer Justice System

Another major development was the Bail Bill, 2025, which repeals and replaces the outdated Bail Reform Act. The new law introduces a clearer and fairer bail framework, addressing long-standing concerns about inequality in the criminal justice system. Under this legislation, individuals awaiting

trial will now face a more transparent and consistent process, balancing public safety with the constitutional right to liberty. The reform is especially timely as Belize continues its broader efforts to modernize criminal justice and reduce pre-trial detention backlogs.

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EDITORIALAPPLES AND
ROTTEN ORANGES

"This People's United Party Government has not and will not throw up our hands in the air when facing the difficult tasks that come with governance. We will neither grieve nor weep. We will work because that is what the people expect of us." - Hon. John Briceño

The news that the BNTU, PSU and APSSM have been able to reach an amicable and sustainable agreement with the government of Belize should come as no surprise to those who have been observing the MO of this current administration, led by the charismatic and compassionate John Briceño. This is not a government that is contentious, unreasonable, arrogant or aggressive.

This is a government that respects the people and understands that we all want and deserve a better Belize, and the only way that will ever happen is if we work together.

There was no aggression displayed by the Police toward union members at any point. There were no batons on display, no paramilitary units with rifles dispensing tear gas or rubber bullets, no bullying or beating. What a difference an administration makes. It was ironic that at one point a union leader railed about the lack of freedom of speech, expression and movement, even as they were allowed to demonstrate unlawfully in front of the Philip Goldson International Airport.

Those who know, know that no such protest of any kind would have been allowed under the UDP led by Dean Oliver. The north has never forgotten when a canefarmer was killed by a Police bullet during a peaceful protest at BSI in the early days of Dean Oliver's administration. Not so long ago, a shirtless, breathless and shocked Mose Hyde, then CWU leader, was interviewed after Police shot rubber bullets and tear gas at peaceful protesters sitting on the grounds of the Port of Belize compound. And journalists will remember being brutalized by Police on Tower Hill, at the instruction of UDP political leaders. Back then, they shot tear gas at the now Prime Minister as he gave an interview and viciously dragged away reporters just covering the story. What a difference an administration makes. It's like apples and rotten oranges.

The fact that this administration has been so successful at meeting and overcoming the challenges bombarding us is no accident. It was clear at the very beginning. One leader, then Prime Minister Dean Oliver Barrow, grieved for Belize. He was too cold to muster a crocodile tear or two, but he told the nation, without remorse or emotion, that nothing could save us. He said, without a care in the world, that public officers would need to be retrenched, and that the IMF would need to come in, and that no IFI would touch us. He said all that, knowing that it was he and the UDP that took Belize down that dark path. He didn't care. His millions were intact. His friends and family had been enriched during his terms in office, so all was good.

That was the situation the PUP met when taking office, and one leader, John Briceño, never faltered and never looked back. With a competent, focused and driven team, Briceño did what no other leader could have done. The PUP Government undid the destruction caused by the UDP in record time and changed the way the world looks at Belize. There was no retrenchment, no IMF, no groveling for handouts or loans, no outrageous borrowing just to meet daily expenses. Our economy is growing beyond expectations, poverty has been cut in half, unemployment is at a historic low, debt to GDP ratio is at a historic low and foreign direct investment is at a record high.

And our people are seeing and feeling the change where it matters – housing, land, social programs, jobs, free healthcare, support for entrepreneurs and small businesses, free education, school feeding programs, support for farmers, rural development, infrastructure in every community in the country, and a government that listens to and respects the voices of every Belizean.

Belize is an incredibly blessed and bountiful country, and our people are in a much, much better place today than they were just 5 years ago. That is no accident. Apples and rotten oranges.

*en Español*MANZANAS Y
NARANJAS PODRIDAS

«El Gobierno del Partido Unido del Pueblo no ha tirado la toalla ante las difíciles tareas que conlleva gobernar, ni lo hará. No nos lamentaremos ni lloraremos. Trabajaremos porque eso es lo que el pueblo espera de nosotros». - Hon. John Briceño

La noticia del que la BNTU, la PSU y la APSSM han logrado alcanzar un acuerdo amistoso y sostenible con el Gobierno de Belice no debería sorprender a quienes han estado observando el modus operandi de la actual administración, liderada por el carismático y compasivo John Briceño. Este no es un Gobierno polémico, irrazonable, arrogante ni agresivo. Es un gobierno que respeta al pueblo y entiende que todos queremos y merecemos un Belice mejor, y que la única forma de conseguirlo es trabajando juntos.

En ningún momento la policía mostró agresividad hacia los miembros del sindicato. No se vieron porras, ni unidades paramilitares con rifles lanzando gases lacrimógenos ni balas de goma, ni intimidaciones ni palizas. Qué diferencia supone un gobierno. Resultó irónico que, en un momento dado, un líder sindical se quejara de la falta de libertad de expresión y de movimiento, cuando se les permitió manifestarse ilegalmente frente al Aeropuerto Internacional Philip Goldson.

Quienes están al tanto saben que bajo el gobierno del UDP liderado por Dean Oliver no se habría permitido ninguna protesta de este tipo. El norte nunca ha olvidado cuando un agricultor de caña de azúcar fue asesinado por una bala de la policía durante una protesta pacífica en BSI en los primeros días del gobierno de Dean Oliver. No hace mucho, Mose Hyde, entonces líder del CWU, fue entrevistado sin camisa, sin aliento y conmovido, después de que la policía disparara balas de goma y gases lacrimógenos contra manifestantes pacíficos sentados en los terrenos del complejo del puerto de Belice. Y los periodistas recordarán haber sido brutalmente tratados por la policía en Tower Hill, siguiendo las instrucciones de los líderes políticos del UDP. En aquel entonces, dispararon gases lacrimógenos contra el actual primer ministro mientras daba una entrevista y arrastraron brutalmente a los periodistas que solo cubrían la noticia. Qué diferencia supone un gobierno. Es como comparar manzanas con naranjas podridas.

El hecho de que este gobierno haya tenido tanto éxito a la hora de afrontar y superar los retos que nos acechan no es casualidad. Quedó claro desde el principio. Un líder, el entonces primer ministro Dean Oliver Barrow, lamentó la situación de Belice. Era demasiado frío para derramar una o dos lágrimas de cocodrilo, pero le dijo a la nación, sin remordimientos ni emoción que nada podía salvarnos. Dijo, sin preocuparse por nada, que habría que recortar el número de funcionarios públicos, que habría que recurrir al FMI y que ninguna institución financiera internacional querría saber nada de nosotros. Dijo todo eso sabiendo que había sido él y el UDP quienes habían llevado a Belice por ese oscuro camino. No le importaba. Sus millones estaban intactos. Sus amigos y familiares se habían enriquecido durante sus mandatos, así que todo iba bien.

Esa fue la situación que el PUP encontró al asumir el poder y un líder, John Briceño, nunca vaciló ni miró hacia atrás. Con un equipo competente, centrado y motivado, Briceño hizo lo que ningún otro líder habría podido hacer. El Gobierno del PUP deshizo la destrucción causada por el UDP en un tiempo récord y cambió la forma en la que el mundo ve a Belice. No hubo recortes, ni FMI, ni humillaciones para conseguir ayudas y préstamos, ni préstamos escandalosos solo para cubrir los gastos diarios. Nuestra economía está creciendo más allá de las expectativas, la pobreza se ha reducido a la mitad, el desempleo está en mínimos históricos, la relación deuda/PIB está en mínimos históricos y la inversión extranjera directa está en máximos históricos.

Y nuestro pueblo está viendo y sintiendo el cambio donde importa: vivienda, tierra, programas sociales, empleo, asistencia sanitaria gratuita, apoyo a los emprendedores y las pequeñas empresas, educación gratuita, programas de alimentación escolar, apoyo a los agricultores, desarrollo rural, infraestructuras en todas las comunidades del país y un Gobierno que escucha y respeta las voces de todos los beliceños.

Belice es un país increíblemente bendecido y próspero, y nuestra gente se encuentra hoy en una situación mucho mejor que hace solo cinco años. Eso no es casualidad. Manzanas y naranjas podridas.

SIZZLING SUMMER PROGRAMS 2025

PM Annually has a Summer Camp for children of Orange Walk Central. It is always a date in the year he looks forward to. The sparkle in the children’s eyes is always a view into the future. This year children at the Orange Walk Central Summer Camp 2025 got a special visit from Fred VanVleet, guard from the NBA’s Houston Rockets!

Every summer, our children have many options to be at well-programmed Summer camps all over the country. These camps are innovative sessions, learning experiences and FUN, FUN, FUN!! It is not intended to supplant schools but, yes, add to it. Many more camps can be found on social media.



Solid Waste Management Authority
Ministry of Sustainable Development,
Climate Change, Solid Waste Management



INVITATION TO BID

1. The Government of Belize (or GOB), acting through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management on behalf of the Belize Solid Waste Management Authority, now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the Services mentioned below in the table.

Name	Contract Period
Loading, Trucking, and Other Heavy Equipment Services for the Dangriga Solid Waste Transfer Station Facility	36 months

2. Procurement will be conducted through the Open Tendering Process in accordance with the public procurement laws of Belize.

3. This invitation is open to all eligible Bidders as outlined in the Bidding Documents.

4. Qualification requirements are detailed in Section II of the Bidding Documents. Prospective Bidders are advised to consult the Instructions to Bidders carefully.

5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained via email upon request to the email address below.

6. The Bidding Documents will be emailed to the Bidder at the address provided in the request.

7. A site visit will be held on **Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**, beginning at the Dangriga Transfer Station, followed by the Mile 24 Regional Sanitary Landfill.

8. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **10:00 am on July 21, 2025**. Late submissions will be rejected. Electronic bid submissions will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened on **July 21, 2025** at 10:15 in the presence of Bidders’ representatives who choose to attend in person.

9. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid-Securing Declaration as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

10. The GOB reserves the right to declare any firm ineligible for contract award if found to have engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, coercive, or collusive practices.

11. Bidders are required to submit as part of the bid “the Statement of Ethical Conduct and Fraud and Corruption”. In case of misleading information or non-adherence to the Fraud and Corruption provisions of the Bidding Documents, the Bidder shall be pursued by the GOB.

12. For further information or to request Bidding Documents, please contact:

Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change,
and Solid Waste Management.

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Cabinet Brief

Belmopan. July 3, 2025

The Cabinet met on 1st July 2025.

Cabinet discussed the findings of the Commission of Inquiry into the sugar industry and approved some elements of the Strategic Action Plan, which includes the establishment of a Sugar Cane Industry Authority to make certain strategic plans for the updating, improvement, or revamping of the industry.

- Cabinet received an update from the Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Cordel Hyde, in his capacity as the Chairman of the Joint Union Negotiating Team (JUNT), who informed Cabinet that the unions accepted the Government’s latest proposal. The Prime Minister expressed his gratitude to the JUNT, especially the unions, for their efforts in reaching an amicable settlement.
- To facilitate an increase in visitors from certain southern Mexican States, namely Campeche, Yucatan, Tabasco, Chiapas, and Quintana Roo, Cabinet gave its approval for the removal of exit taxes for visitors who stay up to seven days, along with the implementation of a Visitor’s Digital Border Crossing Card. These visitors will be allowed to travel with their private vehicles without being charged import duties, fees, or levies.
- Cabinet gave its approval for the Attorney General’s Ministry to prepare the necessary legal instruments for Belize to accede to the Protocol Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority and the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean. This treaty prohibits the manufacture, use, storage, and testing of nuclear weapons in the region, promotes nuclear disarmament, ensures compliance with the treaty, and fosters a nuclear weapon-free zone in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Cabinet endorsed the second National Strategy for the Development of Statistics, a five-year plan for the strengthening of Belize’s national statistics system. The plan is to be developed by the Statistical Institute of Belize in collaboration with various public sector producers of statistics. This Plan will guide the country’s statistical development through to 2028 and aims to improve the capacity of the country’s data system to meet the needs of its key stakeholders.
- Cabinet approved the enactment of the Draft National Policy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) to guide the operation of the TVET sector in Belize. The policy will position TVET as a central component of Belize’s education sector and will provide strategic direction for its development, modernization, and expansion in response to national and regional labour market demands.
- Finally, Cabinet reminds all Belizeans to prepare emergency kits and review family plans this hurricane season.

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Permanent Law Reform Commission Established

The Law Revision and Law Reform Bill, 2025, was also passed and marks a milestone in the development of Belize’s legal landscape. The bill establishes a permanent Law Reform Commission, tasked with reviewing and updating existing laws

to ensure they reflect modern realities and best practices. This institutionalized approach to law reform will help streamline legislation, improve legal clarity, and promote efficiency across

Strengthening Parliamentary Integrity

The fourth bill passed was the National Assembly (Powers, Privileges, and Immunities) Bill, 2025, which underwent detailed review and was passed with amendments. The bill defines and safeguards the rights and privileges of Members of Parliament, protects free speech in the House, and strengthens rules within the parliamentary precincts. This

law not only reinforces the independence of the legislature but also upholds democratic norms and transparency.

New Bills Introduced for Review

Several other promising bills were introduced and referred to committees for further examination, setting the stage for future progress across multiple sectors:

- **Gaming and Lotteries Control Bill, 2025** – This long-awaited legislation proposes a modern framework for regulating the gaming sector, aiming to replace outdated and fragmented laws with a unified, transparent system.
- **Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Bill, 2025** – A national priority, this bill outlines stronger worker protections, establishes a National OSH Advisory Committee, and introduces penalties, whistleblower safeguards, and mandatory reporting. Designed in line with International Labour Organization (ILO) standards, the bill promises safer workplaces and more productive labour environments.
- **School Teachers’ Pension Bill, 2025** – Reflecting the 2021–2024

Collective Bargaining Agreement, this bill clarifies pension calculations for grant-in-aid schoolteachers, offering long-awaited clarity and fairness to the education sector.

- **Broadcasting Bill, 2025** – This bill was deferred to a later date for further discussion.

Solidarity with Taiwan

In addition to legislative matters, the House adopted the Resolution to Support Democratic Taiwan and Strengthen Bilateral Bond, 2025. This resolution reaffirms Belize’s unwavering support for Taiwan’s sovereignty, democracy, and international participation. A formal copy will be sent to President Lai Ching-Te of Taiwan and the Office of the Prime Minister, reflecting Belize’s enduring commitment to its democratic allies.

Friday’s session highlighted the government’s ongoing efforts to strengthen public institutions, protect citizen rights, and build a more modern, inclusive Belize. With more bills on the horizon and critical legislation already passed, the House continues to focus on reforms that will deliver real, tangible benefits for all Belizeans.

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By now, Tracy Panton could be a superstar on that popular show, ‘The Biggest Loser,’ and trust me that’s no reference to her weight. She has inspired absolutely NOBODY, and if possible, the UDP is even worse off now than it was a few months ago, and that’s saying a lot. Think about it. When did the unions lose all steam and all momentum? That’s right – immediately after leaders were caught holding a secret meeting with Panton. That was the kiss of death. We’re told that the membership of the BNTU immediately called on their leader for an explanation and insisted on a separation between the BNTU and the PSU. They wanted nothing to do with the UDP. And that was that. And the same has held true for Village Council elections. The UDP just barely, barely managed to beat out the independents in a few villages countrywide. Other than that it was a full BLUE sweep. And all Tracy Panton could do was cry about it on Facebook, and chalk up another L. We’ve said it before – Tracy’s days are numbered. Just wait for it.

Unresigned

This one kinda reminds me of the word ‘underdeposit,’ made famous by then UDP Mayor Zenaida Moya, who herself was made infamous not only for said underdepositing, but also for her reference to Dean Oliver’s balls, or lack thereof.

But all that’s in the past. Everybody’s favourite UDP cherub is back in the folds and crevices of the carcass. It’s hilarious. First Mike P resigned, then Shyne Po resigned, then Shyne Po unresigned himself, and now Mike P has also unresigned himself. And what does all that mean? Absolutely nothing. Nobody really cares. People on a whole are so over this crap heap of nonsense which is the UDP, in all of its current manifestations. It’s exhausting. And every right-thinking Belizean knows that no matter how this plays out, the UDP is totally unable to lead, no matter who emerges out of what dark hole. And everybody also knows that nothing happening in the UDP has anything to do with service of the people and country – it’s all a megalomaniac feeding frenzy caused by hurt feelings, private agendas, greed and pettiness.

Let’s Make a Deal

Which brings us right back to the one tiny little thing which stands between Tracy Panton and her gluttony for leadership. A passport. More specifically, a diplomatic passport which will enable Shyne Barrow to enter the United States of America, which he considers his real home. We all heard Uncle P speak about a deal on the table which would hopefully glue back the pieces of the humpty dumpty UDP.

Shyne is willing to give up leadership if he is given a post as senator for the UDP, which would come with that coveted passport. It’s as simple as that. Well, it would be, except that Shyne hates Tracy and Tracy hates Shyne. So Uncle P, with Daddy Dean in the background, is having trouble brokering the deal.

Late News

Ohhhh now we get it. This just in from the Lee Mark camp, and it’s as hot as the greasy oil bubbling in the deep fryer at Chon Saan. Shyne is also demanding that in return for him handing over leadership, he has to be allowed to run in a convention against Lee Mark for the Mesop division before the next general elections. And Lee Mark isn’t having it, and has told Tracy that if that happens, he will withdraw support from her, leaving her in a crazy kind of precarious limbo as LOO in the House of Representatives. Like we said, this is all going nowhere in a hurry, and nobody really cares, except for fun.

Reckoning

You see that nasty guy in that attorney suit? Yeah, the one who uses the desk in his office as his porn casting couch and loves to leak nasty videos of himself. The same one who is known for being a shady lawyer. You see him walking around, smiling, and looking like he’s on top of his own little diseased world? Don’t let that fool you. His little culo is going cinco-seis right now, because if the judge finds him guilty on that rape charge, the next videos leaked will be from behind bars, and let’s just say he will be playing more of a supporting role, if you know what I mean. One thing I know, my DPP does not take on losing cases, and it doesn’t matter who is in OJ’s corner when that day of reckoning comes.

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STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER Hon. John Briceño

Sitting of House of Representatives
Friday June 27th 2025

Thank you Mr. Speaker,
I begin this morning by updating the nation on a major crisis facing our cane farmers, and more so, the people in the north. For sure, it is a crisis that we must make every effort to address with determination. For those not involved in the sugar industry, there is a disease named *Fusarium wilt disease* that is currently ravaging sugar cane fields in the north.

Last November, the Sugar Industry Research and Development Institute (SIRDI), the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA) and the Ministry of Agriculture conducted a field assessment and determined that more than 60,000 acres of sugarcane were infested with Fusarium wilt disease. The assessment concluded that 8,060 acres that were severely infested, with most of the other 35,000 acres of infested fields were mildly infected. The predictions were that overall, this would mean a 30 percent, or 215,000 tons, loss in cane production. The assessment also indicated that there would be a significant reduction in yield per acre as well as a fall in the quality of cane harvested, affecting efficiencies both at the field level as well as at the BSI factory. The effect of it all is that today the sugar crop will come to an end and it will be the worst sugarcane crop in a long time. By the day's end, 880,000 tons of cane will have been delivered to the factory. The current tons, cane/tons of sugar stands at 11.25, the worst by far in the recent history of the industry since 2011.

Due to Fusarium Wilt, this year's crop is 163,953 tons less than last year's crop of 1,043,953 tons. BSI will produce just over 78,000 tons of sugar. For context, this year the factory will produce 97,800 tons less than what it produced last year and 154,000 tons of sugar less than it produced in 2019. With a production of 880,000 tons of sugar cane producing 78,000 tons of sugar, the industry is projected to earn \$110 million dollars, mostly in foreign exchange, representing a significant reduction of \$53 million dollars from the \$163.5 million dollars generated in 2024. Based on the current cane price estimate farmers are expected to earn no more than \$65 dollars per ton of cane this year. This represents a reduction of \$25 dollars per ton when compared to the \$90.23/ton they were paid in 2024. Our farmers will take home 31 million dollars less than they took home last year.

Looking ahead, it is clear that Fusarium will continue to spread and even become more severe, so much so that this may be the last crop for some of our cane farmers. Next year's sugar cane crop is projected to see another fall in production, and technicians at the SCPC and SIRDI are predicting that production could end up being below 700,000 tons. We must therefore urgently make concrete and targeted interventions if we are to avoid the kind of devastation in the sugar industry as we saw in the greening that almost destroyed the citrus industry. If we are to be successful at this, interministerial collaboration will be important as such the following interventions will be implemented immediately:

I) \$500,000 from the Ministry of Agriculture will be allocated to immediately be allocated for a pilot initiative to start ridding these finds of this disease.

Last November researchers at SIRDI moved quickly to identify a possible treatment option and earlier this year began testing this technology on two on-farm research plots. The results of this treatment, at least in these initial stages, look very promising. The plan is replicate this treatment on a larger scale by working jointly with farmers to treat the first 2,500 acres.

II) Through IICA's (The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture) Hemispheric Fund for Climate Change disasters like these, \$100,000 has been approved for the testing of native Trichoderma fungus.

This is a fungus that is used to control the Fusarium fungus currently affecting sugarcane. This will be done using University of Belize's Laboratory and their scientists. It is believed that native Trichoderma may be far more effective and far more economic than importing Trichoderma from other countries.

III) Through the World Bank's project (CRESAP), \$2 million dollars is being allocated to strengthen SIRDI's Capacity to produce Trichoderma.

Partnering with the private sector, as well as international partners such as Brazil and/or India, we will seek to obtain sugar cane varieties that are tolerant or resistant to Fusarium disease, and rapidly assess their performance under Belize's conditions.

IV) The 5 C's Climate Change project will also be a key player in the fight against Fusarium to save the Sugar industry, and efforts are already being made to ensure that 5C's financing is available to replicate the results of the



All hands on Deck, PM meeting with Sugar Cane Industry stakeholders on June 26

2,500 acres pilot initiative once it is proven to be very successful.

Mr. Speaker, at stake, is the livelihoods of 5,000 cane farmers and their families, harvest groups and field workers, those who own and run sugar-cane equipment, and the 400 plus BSI workers. We have to act to save the sugar industry in the north. We have to act to protect the heavy investments made by ASR/BSI in Belize and to protect the \$200 million plus of hard-earned foreign exchange that the sugar industry in the north and west generates for Belize.

For sure Mr. Speaker, the start of our second term in office has seen its fair share of challenges. I was commenting to colleagues in Cabinet on Tuesday that since the March elections where our Party won with such a convincing mandate, that various challenges have come almost immediately:

Internationally the world is on the brink of another perilous war;

In the middle east tensions continue to rise;

In our own neighbourhood, the insatiability caused by increasing crime and violence by gang and gang related activities continue to creep ever closer to our shores.

Here at home, our Ministry of Agriculture is working tirelessly to manage multiple crisis from screw worm to Fusarium, and, in the tourism sector, Sargassum keeps coming in ever increasing numbers.

None of these are of our making but we must deal with them as we must deal with other challenges like hurricanes, floods and, yes, drought.

Also, we continue to work with our unions to come to a fair and just resolution of the matter of their salary adjustment.

I am assured that yesterday's meeting of the Joint Unions Negotiating Team was cordial and positive. Our government has once again offered a counter proposal to the Unions that is affordable, one that would get for our teachers and public officers the eight and a half percent increase in salaries and the increments over a reasonable time period. Mister Speaker we have never doubted that we will reach an amicable solution with the unions because we have and will continue to act in good faith. Just as, we have no doubt that together we will manage the external and internal shocks that we face.

This People's United Party Government has not and will not throw up our hand in the air when facing the difficult tasks that comes with governance. We will neither grieve nor weep, we will work because that is what the Belize people expect of us and this is why the people of Belize are standing with us.

We promised to improve the lives of our people, all our people.

We promised to work hard every day to deliver more jobs, better health care, to give out children a good education, and to keep us safe from threats at home and abroad and we are doing just that.

It is hard work, it is challenging work but we are facing those challenges together, and together we are getting the job done. Belize is growing and we are bettering the lives of our people.

So, let me assure the members in this Honourable House, and more important, let me assure the Belizean people that we are keeping on track and that together we will work to ensure that we keep moving always forward.

PM's Ministry Visits Drawing & Sharing Positivity

PM John Briceño: "My interaction with my departments in my Ministries are always robustly connected to getting the business of governance done. Today was a mix of work, and just meeting our officers on a more one on one level. This visit took me to the Belize Tax Service. I appreciate meeting each person and hearing what's the role they each play."

John Briceño has been accused of plenty. The most truthful accusation is that he draws his hardworking charismatic self from his people. Those that know his mother will immediately tell you that Ms. Fel passed on her great ethics to her sons, Jaime and Johnny. Family is crucial to John Briceño, and what a traditional family he has. His family lives in the heart of Orange Walk Central so it was easy for him to siphon his community's energy as impetus to lead. His wife is from Orange Walk Central and his home is in Orange Walk Central. There are countless pictures of him walking the streets and visiting homes in his beloved area. Johnny enjoys being among the people of Orange Walk Central as that is where he originally drew and draws motivation from to work another day.

In January 2016, John Briceño planted a seed within himself giving him a national

stage and another family. As leader of the People's United Party, he now has a separate Family tree with 400,000 twig ends. As can be seen in the adjoining pictures, one of the main branches is the Public Service of Belize. He visits the PS's branchlets as often and as deliberately as he can to smile and frown. There is always jovial conversation and serious discourse but in the end Belize benefits. That is the end goal.

PM John Briceño is often compared to George Price and rightly so. Just like the NBA's Michael and Lebron, Price and Briceño will live on in our debates. In a couple decades, the people will also be saying, who it the next John Briceño? This is all about a perpetually developing Belize.



Foreign Minister Francis Fonseca represents At 55TH OAS General Assembly in Antigua & Barbuda

"Building Resilient and Inclusive Economies in the Americas."



The scenic island nation, St John, Antigua and Barbuda, successfully hosted the 55th Regular Session of the Organization of American States General Assembly, which concluded on Friday 27, June 2025. The OAS General Assembly has met annually since 1971 and this year's assembly was held under the theme "Building Resilient and Inclusive Economies in the Americas."

Outgoing OAS Assistant Secretary General, Nestor Mendez stated that the General Secretariat processed 650 accreditations including 190 representatives from member states, with 17 foreign ministers accredited as heads of delegation and 14 vice ministers and other high authorities. Mendez said, "Additionally, we are joined by 36 institutions, including International organizations, regional or sub-regional inter-governmental entities, and specialised OAS bodies, with a total of 49 delegates."

Belize was represented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Honourable Francis Fonseca who considers the meeting an important forum for engagement on issues of concern to the hemisphere. At the closing of the OASGA, FM Fonseca joined member states in thanking Ambassador Nestor Mendez, outgoing Assistant Secretary

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General, for his stellar service, dedication, and unshakable sense of duty to the work of the OAS and our hemisphere. Fonseca said “Belize is deeply proud of his exemplary service and we thank him for representing our nation with dignity, integrity, and heart. And we wish him every success in the journey ahead.”

An OAS press release stated that: member states discussed the central theme, which was proposed by Antigua and Barbuda, in the interest of promoting economic resilience in the face of challenges such as health emergencies, financial crisis, or natural disasters, while fostering growth that benefits all population groups across the continent.

Albert Ramdin of Suriname will be serving as the first Caribbean national to hold the position of the OAS Secretary General, which is considered a historic milestone. Secretary General, Ramdin considered that the assembly was taking place in a “Challenging environment both from a global perspective as well as a regional perspective.”

OAS Secretary General, Ramdin stressed, “Ultimately, whatever we do, it’s for the people we serve and whether we do that directly as elected officials or as representing governments and international organizations, regional organizations, we all have the same obligation to serve the people of the Americas.” Ambassador Ramdin also mentioned the significance of the Caribbean leadership and its unique assets.

Ramdin characterized it as “A small grouping of countries, but powerful in terms of its assets, its experience, in terms of its human rights, in terms of its civil society engage-

ment, in terms of its trade unionism, and being all of them, each of them, particularly small economies in today’s world, have demonstrated to be resilient.”

The Secretary General pronounced emphatically that small economies could provide “Excellent lessons” for addressing larger hemispheric problems. Several critical issues were discussed, which included solutions for the grave institutional crisis in Haiti, mental health, the advancement of hemispheric initiatives on integral development and the recognition of the contributions of Pope Francis to the inter-American values.

OAS Secretary General, Ramdin allowed the era of uncertainty and unpredictability to sink in, cautioning the delegation that “We observe a weakening of the decade-long commitment to global cooperation based on international law and the rule-based architecture. The global context marked by geopolitical tensions, socio-economic volatility and rapidly evolving technologies, demonstrates the challenging and complex world we live in today.” He also proffered that the OAS as an institution in this new dispensation stands ready to work with governments, inter-American institutions, civil society and the private sector to create a democratic, prosperous and secure hemisphere.

Minister Fonseca’s presence at the OAS assembly underscores the nation’s commitment to regional and hemispheric cooperation and aligning with global institutions to bring stability and security in the era of global uncertainty and external realities being experienced in the region and the larger part of the hemisphere. We are a small group of nations but powerful in terms of our unique assets. Aluta continual!

By Hilly Bennett

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SPEEDNET COMMUNICATIONS LTD hereby informs the public that pursuant to the Telecommunications (Licensing Classification, Authorisation, and Fee Structure) Regulations, 2002, as amended from time to time, that Speednet Communications Limited of 2 ½ Miles Philip Goldson Hwy, Belize City has applied to the PUC for the use of frequency spectrum to provide 4G Mobile Service countrywide.

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Countrywide	17.250000°	-88.760000°	1720	1722.5	1725	4G Mobile Service (Uplink)
Countrywide	17.250000°	-88.760000°	2120	2122.5	2125	4G Mobile Service (Downlink)
Interested parties are invited to submit comments on this application within two (2) weeks of this publication. Comments can be sent to telecom@puc.bz						



Solid Waste Management Authority
Ministry of Sustainable Development,
Climate Change, Solid Waste Management



INVITATION TO BID

1. The Government of Belize (or GOB), acting through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management on behalf of the Belize Solid Waste Management Authority, now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the Services mentioned below in the table.

Name	Contract Period
Operation of the Regional Sanitary Landfill of the Regional Sanitary Land – Mile 24 George Price Highway	24 months

2. Procurement will be conducted through the Open Tendering Process in accordance with the public procurement laws of Belize.

3. This invitation is open to all eligible Bidders as outlined in the Bidding Documents.

4. Qualification requirements are detailed in Section II of the Bidding Documents. Prospective Bidders are advised to consult the Instructions to Bidders carefully.

5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained via email upon request to the email address below.

6. The Bidding Documents will be emailed to the Bidder at the address provided in the request.

7. A site visit will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at the Mile 24 Regional Sanitary Landfill.

8. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 10:00 am on July 24, 2025. Late submissions will be rejected. Electronic bid submissions will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened on July 24, 2025 at 10:15 in the presence of Bidders’ representatives who choose to attend in person.

9. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid-Securing Declaration as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

10. The GOB reserves the right to declare any firm ineligible for contract award if found to have engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, coercive, or collusive practices.

11. Bidders are required to submit as part of the bid “the Statement of Ethical Conduct and Fraud and Corruption”. In case of misleading information or non-adherence to the Fraud and Corruption provisions of the Bidding Documents, the Bidder shall be pursued by the GOB.

12. For further information or to request Bidding Documents, please contact:

Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change,
and Solid Waste Management.

Procurement Officer

Address: 7552 Hummingbird Highway, Green Building Complex,
City of Belmopan, Belize, C.A.

Tel: (501) 828-9055

Email: procurement.officer@environemnt.gov.bz

GOB Announces DFC Accredited by the Green Climate Fund



The Government of Belize announces that the Green Climate Fund Board has approved the Development Finance Corporation’s (DFC) bid as an accredited entity on July 1, 2025, during the 42nd board meeting held in Papua New Guinea.

This landmark achievement will allow the DFC to access up to BZD 100 million per project or programme through a variety of financial instruments, including technical assistance, highly concessionary loans, equities, and guarantees. The Belizean public and private sector, especially the micro-small, medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), can expect the DFC to use the abovementioned financial instruments to offer a significant reduction in its interest rates and incentivize investments in climate resilient sectors such as energy, infrastructure, community development, health, food and water security, and other cross-cutting sectors with high private sector investment potential.

Accreditation to the GCF is a rigorous, multi-year process that began in 2018, when the National Designated Authority, now housed within the Climate Finance Unit of the Ministry of Economic Transformation (MET), undertook a national scoping exercise to identify institutions with the potential to become accredited entities. The DFC was selected as a candidate due to its strategic relevance in driving innovative financial solutions to support and expand Belize’s national economy by working closely with individuals, businesses, and organizations.

Since 2019, the Government of Belize

has allocated GCF Readiness funding for the DFC to address key capacity gaps and build institutional readiness. This preparatory support was critical in aligning the bank’s operations with the fiduciary, environmental, and social safeguards required by the GCF.

Dr. Hon. Osmond Martinez, Minister of State in the Ministry of Economic Transformation, expresses gratitude on behalf of the Government of Belize to the Green Climate Fund for their continued support

in helping Belize achieve its climate targets.

Minister Martinez also congratulates the DFC Board of Directors, Mr. Henry N. Anderson, Chief Executive Officer of the DFC, and his management team and staff, who demonstrated professionalism, commitment, and hard work throughout the accreditation process.

CEO Carlos Pol and the MET management and staff also acknowledge the Climate Finance Unit, which was vital in working with the GCF, DFC, and consultants to make this outcome a reality.

The Government of Belize looks forward to continued collaboration with the DFC in its new role as an accredited entity, which is expected to deliver a tangible and critical impact to the country. (release)

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Request for Bids (RFB)

Water Supply & Modernization Program

BL-L1043

Water Network Expansion Works for Harmonyville

1. This RFB follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project publicized as of 27 June 2025.
2. Belize Water Services Limited has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank toward the cost of Water Supply & Modernization Program and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the Contract for Works for Water Network Expansion to Harmonyville.
3. The Belize Water Services Limited now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Water Network Expansion Works for Harmonyville. The delivery/construction period is 180 days from Start Date as specified in ITB 5.4 (k).
4. The RFB will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the Inter-American Development Bank’s Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2349-15 and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the bidding document.
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Belize Water Services Limited, Ms. Stephanie Lozano, Procurement Specialist at rce@bws.com.bz
6. Qualification requirements include: copies of original documents defining the constitution, Power of Attorney, experience in works similar nature and size for the past 5 years and other information as requested in the RFB document ITB 5.
7. A complete set of the bidding document in English may be obtained by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below. The bidding document will be sent by email.
8. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 p.m. 25th July 2025. Electronic bidding “shall not” be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically at 2:15 p.m. 25th July 2025 in the presence of the bidders’ representatives who choose to attend in person or on-line.
9. All bids “shall” be accompanied by a “Bid Security” of 3% of bid price in US Dollars or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.
10. The address referred to above is: Ms. Stephanie Lozano, Procurement Specialist, Belize Water Services Limited, 7 Central American Boulevard, Belize City, Belize C.A.



Belize National Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed Your Glory to all nations, please protect and preserve Belize, our beloved country.

God of might, wisdom and justice, please assist our Belizean government and people with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude.

Let Your light of Your divine wisdom direct their plans and endeavours so that with Your help we may attain our just objectives.

With Your guidance, may all our endeavours tend to peace, social justice, liberty, national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge.

We pray, O God of Mercy, for all of us that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the

observance of Your most holy law, that we may be preserved in union and, in that peace which the world itself cannot give.

And, after enjoying the blessings of this life, please admit us, dear Lord, to that eternal reward that You have prepared for those who love You.

Amen.

High Potential Game Changer Firearms Marking Machine



The Organization of American States (OAS) has donated a firearms marking machine to the Ministry of Home Affairs & New Growth Industries. This marks the third machine provided through the Program of Assistance on Control of Arms and Munitions. The equipment will support the Ministry and the Firearms and Ammunition Control Board in enhancing firearms traceability and strengthening controls against the illicit trafficking of these items in Belize. (post)

This donation to the Belize Police De-

NEW SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN WORKERS & CITRUS PRODUCTS OF BELIZE LIMITED MANAGEMENT



Yesterday, July 1st, 2025, at the Citrus Products of Belize Limited (CPBL) Head Office in Pomona, Stann Creek Valley, Stann Creek District, the Labour Department attested the signing of a four-year Subsidiary Workers Agreement between CPBL and nearly 300 subsidiary workers.

Present at the signing ceremony were members of CPBL Management; a representative from each subsidiary; and representatives from the Labour Department, including Commissioner Rissela Dominguez-Patt, Senior Labour Officer Aniki Palacio, and Labour Officers from Dangriga and Independence.

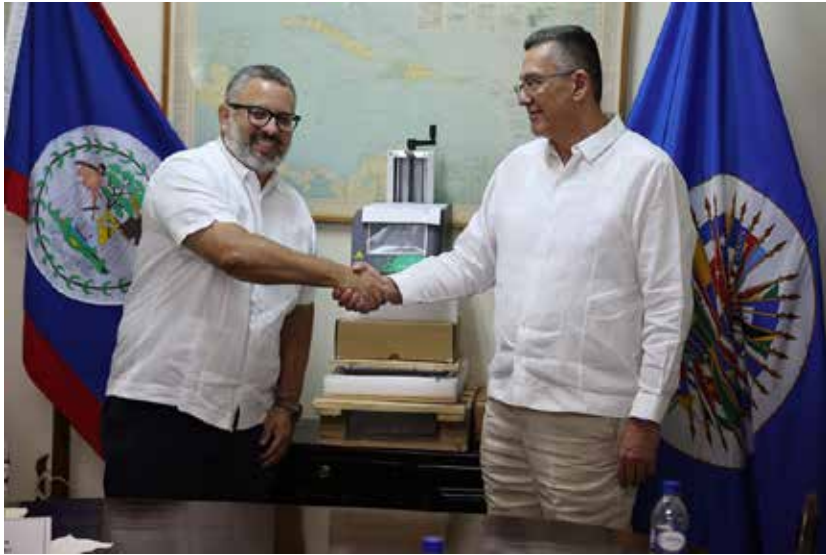
CPBL's CEO, Mr. Lennox Neal, and CFO, Mr. Eugene Cleland, signed on behalf of the company. Ms. Carmencita Ávila, Group Agriculture Manager, signed on behalf of the workers, and Commissioner Dominguez-Patt signed on behalf of the Labour Department. This agreement is effective January 1st, 2023, and will remain in force through December 31st, 2026.

The Agreement covers staff at Barton Creek Farms Limited, XYZ, Belize Food Products Groves, and Citrus Company of Belize, supporting both agricultural and composting operations. Key enhancements include clearly defined employment benefits, structured work schedules, job classifications, promotion pathways, employee representation frameworks, and performance-linked incentive systems, establishing improved workplace standards and encouraging cooperative labour relations throughout CPBL's subsidiaries

Labour Commissioner Dominguez-Patt commended the shared commitment of management and workers, emphasizing that this agreement represents a mutual commitment in establishing respectful labor relations within the agriculture sector.



partment of a firearm marking machine is equipment purchased will be used by the Ministry of Home Affairs to improve controls against the smuggling of illegal weapons and obviously to know where the weapons are—traceability. A new ma-



chine should increase the effectivity of the fight against crime. Basically and importantly, the identification of weapons used in serious crimes like trafficking and homicide.

This is another indication that the planBelize 2.0 is on a continual

track to fight crime to add to the success of Citizen Security. Crime numbers are down but one instance of criminal activity is too much. Everyone must be on board and largely the Belizean society is very willing to help in the fight against criminal activity. Everybody fih win except criminals.

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Summer Job Program 2025 Belmopan City Council's Support for Education



Monday June 30, 2025 marked the exciting launch of our Summer Job Program 2025, and what an inspiring start it was! Students from across the city, ages 13 to 19, showed up full of enthusiasm and determination—ready to learn, grow and make a positive impact in their community.

His Worship Mayor Pablo Cawich and Councilor Florita Botes were on hand to welcome and motivate the students. Their uplifting words highlighted the importance of responsibility, community service, and making the most of every opportunity that comes their way.

This year, students will gain hands-on experience while working under three dynamic divisions:

1) Infrastructure and Maintenance Division – Led by Ms. Tiffany Wagner, students will help maintain and improve the city’s public spaces and essential infrastructure.

2) Climate Action and Environmental Solutions Division – Guided by Mr. Leon Castillo, students will support green initiatives and sustainable practices to help build a more environmentally conscious Belmopan.

3) Administration Department – Students will be placed within key administrative areas, including Revenue, Trade, Procurement and Data Collection, gaining valuable skills in office operations and public service.

Thanks to the continued support of the Mayor, Councilors and the Belmopan City Council, this program remains a cornerstone for youth empowerment—providing mentorship, practical work experience and personal development for the leaders of tomorrow.

We’re proud of every student taking part and can’t wait to celebrate their achievements throughout this transformative summer. (post)

Public Notice Opening of the Lobster Fishing Season

June 23, 2025

The Fisheries Department takes this opportunity to inform all fishers and the public that, in accordance with the Fisheries Resource Act and the Subsidiary Regulations, the Caribbean Spiny Lobster (*Panulirus argus*) fishing season **will open from July 1, 2025, to February 28, 2026.**

Fishers and the public are encouraged to follow the Lobster Fishery regulations:

1. Minimum carapace length is three inches.
2. Minimum tail weight is four ounces.
3. It is illegal to have in possession any soft-shell (moulting) lobster or female with eggs (berried).
4. It is illegal to remove from any female lobster any eggs or spawn, or the setae or fibre with any eggs or spawn attached.
5. No person or establishment should have in possession filleted or diced lobster tail.

The Fisheries Department advises the public to report any illegal fisheries activity by calling telephone number: 224-4552 or by emailing: Fisheries_department@fisheries.gov.bz



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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

ASSISTANT MANAGER, OFFICE OF STRATEGY MANAGEMENT

The Central Bank invites qualified individuals to join its Office of Strategy Management.

The Assistant Manager, Office of Strategy Management, is responsible for the development and administration of the communication and public relations functions, and to assist with the development and execution of the Central Bank of Belize’s strategic plan.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist in managing the day-to-day operations of the department, ensuring alignment of activities with strategic priorities.
- Assist with monitoring the implementation of the strategic plan and advancing appropriate recommendations to improve execution and maintain alignment.
- Effectively supervise assigned staff, preparing performance targets in line with departmental goals.
- Lead the development and execution of the communication strategy to enhance stakeholder engagement, public confidence and the Bank’s reputation.
- Serve as Secretariat for the Central Bank’s Communications Committee to promote knowledge-sharing and internal collaboration.
- Oversee the implementation of internal and external communication strategies, ensuring clarity, consistency and alignment with the Bank’s brand.
- Serve as key liaison to media, managing inquiries and promoting accurate coverage of the Bank’s initiatives.
- Lead the administration of the Bank’s digital platforms and continuously improve the communication channels.
- Monitor local and international media and digital platforms to identify emerging issues and opportunities for improved communication.
- Update and maintain a crisis communication plan to ensure coordinated and credible messaging during times of uncertainty.

The applicant should possess the following:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Preferred qualification: a master’s degree in mass communication or a related field from a recognised university, with at least three (3) years of relevant experience.
- A minimum of a bachelor’s degree in mass communication or a related field from a recognised university with at least five (5) years of relevant experience.

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Knowledge of the Central Bank Act, Government Guidelines for public sector administration, Bank’s policies and procedures, and business and management principles; Excellent communication skills and ability to collaborate with a broad cross section of stakeholders; Knowledge of basic management information systems; and proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite.

COMPETENCIES

- Analytical Ability, Communication, Customer Focus, Digital Ability, Initiative, Interpersonal Relations, Organisational Ability, Problem Solving, Quality of Output, Decision Making, Delegation and Empowerment, Strategic Management.

Submit the following documents by **Wednesday, 16 July 2025:**

- Central Bank Employment Form (available online)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copies of university transcripts, degrees, and any other personal certificates
- Two (2) current references (one must be from a previous employer)

Applications should be addressed to:

Manager, Human Resources Department
Central Bank of Belize
P O Box 852 or Gabourel Lane
Belize City, BELIZE

Ref: Assistant Manager, Office of Strategy Management

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REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
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Specific Procurement Notice
One (1) Mini–Coach Bus
N° CABEI-G-001-2147/2025
One Stage-One Envelope

July 4th, 2025.

1. SOURCE OF RESOURCES

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary partner countries, is granting total funding for the Procurement of One (1) Mini – Coach Bus for the **Belize Defence Force (BDF)** within the framework of the **Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)**.

2. EXECUTING AGENCY AND BUYER OF THE BIDDING PROCESS

1.1 Buyer’s background

The Executing Body (EB) for the BISP is the Ministry of Finance, Investment, **Economic Transformation**, Civil Aviation, and E-Governance. The Ministry of Economic Transformation will be responsible for the execution of the Programme and all its components, reporting all progress to CABEI and ensure the execution of each component under the terms established for CABEI formulation and approval. The execution of BISP components will be carried out by the Co-Executors: Belize Police Department, Belize Defense Force, Belize Coast Guard, and National Forensic Science Services.

1.2 The Ministry of Finance, Investment, **Economic Transformation**, Civil Aviation & E-Government is responsible for the present Procurement process, for which it invites suppliers of goods and services to submit bids for this procurement in a sealed envelope.

1.3 The Supplier will be selected and awarded in accordance with the procedures of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration as established in the Procurement Policy for Procurement of Goods, Works, Services and Consultancies with CABEI resources and its Regulations, (DI-52/2020 and PRE-18/2024) which can be found on the following web site: <https://www.bcie.org>.

2. PRESENTATION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

1.1 General Objectives of the Procurement: acquisition of One (1) – Mini - Coach Bus for use by the Belize Defence Force (BDF).

1.2 The Buyer makes available to interested parties all the documentation related to this Procurement necessary for the preparation of bids.

- a. For download on the Ministry of Economic Transformation’s Website: www.met.gov.bz/bisp-tenders and the Ministry of Finance’s Procurement Portal www.procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/
- b. Additional information regarding the preparation of proposals can be communicated by email to: procurementofficerII.bisp@met.gov.bz and copied to projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz, busbdf_g001.bisp@met.gov.bz

1.3 Bids for this invitation to bid shall be received no later than **August 5th, 2025, until 10:00 a.m.** at the following physical address below:

1.4 Bids must be sent to the address below, and bids will not be permitted in electronic form. **No late bids will be accepted.** Bids shall be opened publicly, in the presence of the representatives designated by the Bidder, at the address listed below, at **10:15 a.m. on August 5th, 2025.**

1.5 All Bids must be accompanied by a **“Bid Maintenance Declaration”**.

1.6 The address referred to above is:

Project Coordinator
Belize Integral Security Programme
#1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor, Unit 3
Belmopan City, Cayo District
Belize, Central America
Telephone Number (822-0156)

Ref: Supply and Delivery of One (1) Mini–Coach Bus - BISP (N° CABEI-G-001-2147/2025)



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS
OF INTEREST (REOI)
(CONSULTING FIRM)

Consultancy to Design and Support the Implementation of the
First Phase of a National Single Window for Trade in Belize

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize, Central America
Project: Trade and Investment Facilitation Program in Belize
Process ID: BL-L1040 – P00036
Deadline: July 18, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received funding from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project - Trade and Investment Facilitation Program in Belize (TIFP).

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project proceeds to procure consulting services (“the Services”) from a qualified firm for the **“Consultancy to Design and Support the Implementation of the First Phase of a National Single Window for Trade in Belize.”**

The Ministry of Finance invites interested firms to access the extended version of this REOI online at <https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) in accordance with the instructions provided in the extended version.

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Procurement Specialist
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan
Tel: 501-822-4106
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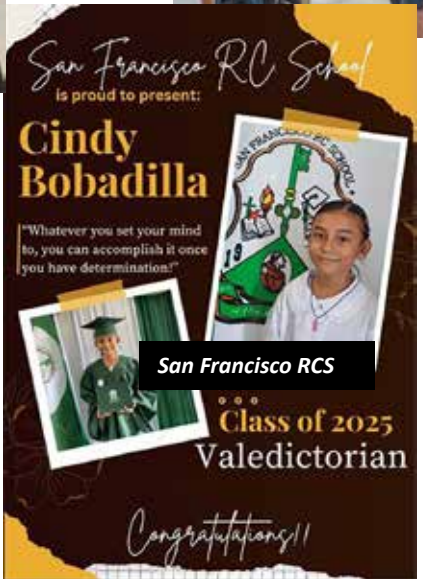
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VOICE OF THE COMMON MAN
ECONOMIST VICTOR BULMER-THOMAS'
SUBTLE INDICTMENT OF UDP 13 YEARS OF
INCOMPETENCE

By Hilly Bennett

Renowned economist, Victor Bulmer-Thomas has published an in-depth understanding of the Belizean economy in his book -The Economic History of Belize, From the 17th Century to Post-Independence (First Edition 2012). The book brilliantly meanders through a graphically detailed account of the Belizean economy over three and a half centuries. Belize's economy was driven by the timber industry from the early years until the middle of the 20th century. However, when the forestocracy period experienced a downturn, the economy became dependent, shifting to the production of sugar, citrus, banana and other agricultural products. At the turn of the century, and into the 21st century, there was another shift to services, primarily tourism, which became the dominant industry contributing to the economy. This writer will concentrate on the findings expressed by the economist Professor Bulmer-Thomas on Jules Vasquez UNCUT series at the University of Belize Campus in Belmopan and, thereafter, BELPri research seminar, 'The Belizean Economy In The 21st Century: When and Why Belize Fell Behind and What to do About it'.

Bulmer-Thomas began his presentation by giving an overview of the economy, specifically the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per head from the time of the country's independence in 1981. Utilising a graph, he illustrated that GDP growth rose to a peak in 2007, declining in the subsequent years from 2008 until 2011/2012, with nominal growth and the country's GDP steadily decreasing until 2020. GDP growth started an upward path post-COVID in what is considered a 'dramatic recovery' with services reopening post the pandemic lockdown. In 2023 there is a dip in GDP growth, which the professor fails to attribute to the aftermath effects of Hurricane Lisa at the end of 2023 on the economy. The dip was followed by a sharp rise in 2024. Notwithstanding, the professor was inclined not to politicise his presentation, as to who was responsible for the two decades of stagnation, he attributes the sharp rise in the 2024 GDP growth to the upcoming General Elections in March 2025.

Realistically, the period of stagnation as observed by Professor Emeritus Victor Bulmer-Thom- as occurred under the Dean Barrow, UDP administration three terms. It is bookended by the peak of economic growth in 2007 under the Said Musa, PUP government and the dramatic recovery and the new path of a positive outlook in the economy under the leadership of Prime Minister, John Briceño. Interestingly, at the peak of economic growth, the Said Musa administration was staring down the onslaught of pressures from the unions in their attempt to overthrow the PUP. The PUP lost the General Elections in February 2008 and handed over more than a billion dollars in Petro Caribe Funding, oil revenues, a primary surplus, and savings from the restructuring of the commercial debts (The UDP's so-called Superbond). These were immediately available to the UDP government to grow the economy and develop the country and its people. Flushed with money, there was no need to read a budget until July after the 2008 elections. The UDP's thirteen years of insatiable appetite for borrowing and reckless spending and its acts of corruption and failure to grow the economy, are the real culprits for the stagnation of the Belizean economy from 2007 to 2020.

Notably, the factors proffered by the esteemed economist, Bulmer-Thomas, for Belize's stag- nant economy are presently being addressed by the Briceño government. One of the surest ways to economic growth is reducing unemployment by creating opportunities for the labour force. Also, the reduction of debt-to-GDP ratio and decreasing poverty are economically important. All of which the John Briceño Government has accomplished. Carlos Pol, Chief Ex- ecutive Officer, Ministry of Economic Transformation, in his contribution to the Belize Policy Research Institute at the University of Belize (BEPRI-UB) research seminar, highlighted several areas that the PUP Government has engaged to improve economic growth. Pol considered his presentation as an intervention saying "You had indicated that the report raises concerns about stagnation in per capita growth. Allow me to indicate that the Government of Belize has prioritised poverty reduction. And, we have seen measurable success. Poverty reduction is one of six strategic objectives within Belize's, Medium-term Development Strategy...and we have seen, given the statis- tics by SIB that we have reduced poverty from 36.5 in 2022 to about 22.1 in 2024, using the multidimensional poverty (index) which I think have four key indicators and sub-indicators looking at the social aspects. The substan- tial decline in poverty reduction is a direct result of the government's inter- vention. In education, in health, in MSMEs and infrastructure."

CEO Pol surgically detailed what the PUP Government, the John Briceño administration, has done to address the long-term sustainability of the Belizean growth rate. Regarding economic transformation and growth, Belize's economic performance has shown that the economy has grown by an annual average of 9.5%, above the IMF projection(s) and the Medium-term Development Strategy's target of 5 to 7.5 annually. Pol added that the gov- ernment's focus is on building the foundations for long-term diversified and sustained growth. At the end of December 2024, the level of investment was 2.1 billion dollars an increase from 1.56 billion in 2020. Investments mainly in the services sector, particularly in industry, MSMEs and energy. However, there was a reduction on loans from 2020 to 2024 with the government fo- cusing on concessional and grant financing. The government has also been working with the private sector to mobilise concessional financing through the Development Finance Corporation (DFC) and other financial partners.

Although the evidence is clear that the United Democratic Party (UDP) Government, the Dean Oliver Barrow red regime was responsible for almost two decades of economic stagnation, the PUP Government, the John Briceño administration, has acknowledged the concerns about why Belize has fallen behind its regional peers. This PUP government is actively pursuing mea- sures to reverse the trend. The CEO of the Ministry of Economic Transfor- mation said the measures are "diversification, capacity building, data reform and climate change."

In concluding, Pol emphasizes "As the paper reminds, us, recovery is not the same as transformation. Our goal remains sustainable, inclusive growth and to improve the lives of today to build resilience for tomorrow. At the same time, we are clear-eyed about the need to close the structural gaps that have allowed Belize to fall behind our regional peers." He concluded, "In regards to per capita growth, so let us continue the dialogue with open- ness, clarity, and a shared vision for Belize's development."



REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

Supply and Delivery of Vehicles – Passenger Van

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize
Process ID: BL-L1038-P00108
Deadline: July 15th, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the execution of the Project "Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize".

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds to procure the **Supply and Delivery of one (1) Passenger Van**.

The Ministry of Finance invites individuals to access the extended version of this Request for Bids (RFB) and Bidding Document, which may be accessed online at <https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

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30th June 2025

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED DATE FOR AGUACATE VILLAGE
COUNCIL ELECTION, TOLEDO DISTRICT

The Elections and Boundaries Department advises villagers of Aguacate Village, Toledo District that the new date for the conduct of the Aguacate Village Council Election is Sunday, 6th July 2025.

NEW ELECTION DATE	VILLAGE NAME	POLLING STATION	TIME
Sunday, 6 th July 2025	Aguacate	R.C. School	9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

Villagers will recall that a change in date became necessary as a result of the postponement on Sunday, 29th June 2025 due to the flooding of the Aguacate bridge.

~ End~

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

HOME PROTECTOR INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Location: San Ignacio, Cayo
Application Deadline: 18th July, 2025

Are you an organized, bilingual professional with a passion for administrative excellence and client service? We are looking for a full-time **Office Administrator** to lead and manage operations at our **San Ignacio Branch Office**.

- Minimum Qualifications:**
- Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration or a related field with at least 2 years of experience in insurance or office management **OR**
 - Associate’s Degree or Paralegal Certificate with 5+ years of relevant business or insurance-related experience
 - Valid Driver’s License (required for travel within and occasionally outside the Cayo District)

- Key Responsibilities:**
- Oversee day-to-day office operations to ensure efficiency
 - Provide excellent service to clients regarding policies, claims, and inquiries
 - Manage office correspondence, schedules, and records
 - Handle payment processing and support basic accounting functions
 - Coordinate with Head Office and external partners
 - Enforce company policies and confidentiality protocols

- Required Skills:**
- Ability to multitask and stay organized in a fast-paced environment
 - Exceptional customer service and interpersonal communication
 - Bilingual fluency in English and Spanish (written and spoken)
 - Tech-savvy with strong MS Office skills and basic troubleshooting
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Human Resource Manger
HOME PROTECTOR INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
3808 Durgeon Drive, Belize City, Belize



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HOME PROTECTOR INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Location: Belize City, Belize
Application Deadline: 18th July, 2025

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- Minimum Education & Experience:**
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- Key Responsibilities:**
- Market and sell policies – Recommend the right coverage and guide clients through the application process with ease.
 - Collect premiums and service debit policies weekly – Earn competitive commissions with growth potential.
 - Professional Development – Attend structured training programs to expand your expertise and accelerate your career progression in the insurance industry.
 - Maintain accurate records and reports weekly.
 - Ensure compliance with policies, procedures, and regulations.
 - Build lasting relationships by working closely with clients to understand their needs and provide tailored insurance solutions.

- Required Skills:**
- Passion for helping others and building trust.
 - Strong communicator with excellent interpersonal skills.
 - Self-motivated and able to work independently.
 - Reliable transportation (motorcycle/vehicle) for client visits.
 - Bilingual in English and Spanish is a plus (oral and written).

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The PUP Memory

Documenting the Journey: 75 Years of National Impact and Change

As part of the People’s United Party’s (PUP) 75th Anniversary celebrations, *The PUP Memory* is the start of a major digital archive and exhibit. This archive aims to gather and publicly showcase the stories, images, and reflections of Belizeans whose lives and communities have been impacted by the People’s United Party.

It is a people-powered archive that honors the party’s commitment to public service, grassroots connection, and democratic engagement.

To ensure the success and inclusivity of this project, active involvement from the Executive Committees of each constituency is critical in:

1. Appointing a constituency coordinator responsible for encouraging and managing submissions and communicate with the project team.
2. Guide constituents to record data using printed forms or the on-line survey provided to complete their submissions.
3. Organize small gatherings or home visits to collect personal stories, photographs or quotes answering the guiding question: How has the PUP served your community?
4. Lead constituency-level online (Facebook, WhatsApp groups, and Facebook pages) campaign to collect submissions from constituents.

Submission Details:

1. The submission of photos and materials collected should be done following this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-W5hU54Uf40g93abyBX4Bf5IXmloyAxeXFDp0gmU1FqsZJaA/view-form?usp=sharing&ouid=106990140789598503008>
2. The information can be filled in and emailed to the email pup-memory75@gmail.com. The email should be accompanied by the form.

Deadline for Submissions: 15 July 2025

The PUP Memory – Submission Form

This form is entirely voluntary. By participating, you agree to share information and photographs that may be used for online and national exhibitions.

Fill the form or submit in this format:

1. **Contributor:** Provide the name of the person submitting their photo(s) to the archive.

2. Contributor’s Phone Number: _____
3. Contributor’s Email: _____
4. Can you tell us why or how you became a member of the PUP? (100words limit)
5. Please tell us the name of the person[s] in the photo[s] you are submitting:
6. Provide the date (or approximate year) the photo was taken.

7. Location: Provide the location where the picture was taken (Village/Town/District)

8. Photo Details: Provide us with brief notes about the photo you will attach (such as campaigning, executive meeting etc). (100words limit)
9. Quote/Reflection: Leave a message for the party answering the question: How has the PUP served your community? (100words limit)
10. Is there someone in your community that should be acknowledged for their involvement as a member of the PUP? Tell us their names and why? (100words limit)

Please email this form and your photographs to the email pupmemory75@gmail.com. Thank you for your submission!

Eulogy
Wilton
Leonard
Ritchie
July 27, 1947 –
June 26, 2025



Wilton Leonard Ritchie, Sr. was born on 27th, July 1947 to Septimus Ritchie and Gretel Paget at Mile-20 Stann Creek Valley Road. He attended St. Mathews Primary School in Pomona and, later, Stann Creek high in Dangriga.

After completing high school, he found employment and later moved to the USA where he continued to work. However, before moving to the USA, he found the love of his life, Norma. They kept the fire burning while he was away through snail mail (mein that must have been very rough, as in today's world it's instant communication by email, texting, video call etc.) but those love letters and notes kept going back and forth through the post.

After returning home, Wilton and Norma got married and in October of 1972, hello, I came along!!!! I was their pride and joy until Junny came along, and it was just we two for a longggggg time, then there came Tiffany, the baby!!!

Wilton worked for many years in Alta Vista at the factory as a truck driver. I always remember when the factory had shipment of concentrated to jetty. I looked forward to that as my mom, brother and I would accompany him (Tiffany didn't get to experience that). It was fun going out to jetty until the breeze drop and then the sand flies start!!!!

In the mid 80's, my dad became self-employed. He was able to buy his first truck and hauled citrus to the factory for many farmers. Some of these included Mr. Anthony Chanona, Mr. Eugene Zabaneh, Mr. Mike Duncan, Mr. Alexander Frankson among many others. When his truck broke down, he didn't have to worry as he had mechanic Debbie and Junny to assist. I use to get under the truck and greasy my clothes and would tell mommy, 'see I worked very hard'. Junny, however, took up the liking for mechanic and has become of the best mechanics. He continued hauling citrus for Mr. Eugene Zabaneh right up until he could no longer drive his truck. However, he still had his grandson Joshua drive and would accompany him on the trips.

In the latter part of last year his health started to really deteriorate but was still able to move around in the house as the time went by that movement became less and less. About 2 weeks ago, when I visited him, I saw the tiredness in him and said to myself 'God, It's your will'. On Thursday, 26th June at 12:30pm, God was ready for him. Wilton Leonard Ritchie is predeceased by his wife Norma of 44 years. She went before him 9 years ago.

He is survived by his 3 kids, Debbie, Junny, and Tiffany; 7 grandkids who he loved dearly and did anything for them: William, Joshua, Vanessa, Angela, Leonard, Aiden, and Tom; 1great granddaughter, who he got to meet virtually thanks to technology, Sabina

jones. He said she looks like a little dolly.
He is also survived by his siblings: Phyllis, Dale, Donald and numerous nieces and nephews and cousins...main one being cousin Beddy.
I cannot end by not mentioning his 3 new adopted kids who came to care for him: Ernest, Jacobs, Luis Perez and Nicole Alvarez.
You have gone to rest now pa, I am sure you telling mommy all the happenings.
Rest well, until we meet again.
I will now take this opportunity to thank, on behalf of my brother and sister, all who have assisted us in any way during this journey. Thanks to his caregivers, Mrs. Cheryl Stephen, who at the drop of a hat came to see him when requested for his medical needs. Special thanks to also to Drs. Hidalgo, Carbonel, Parada and Nunez. Thank you Cannon for your visit prior to today, and to you too Mr. Melendez.
Thanks to all of you for being present with us here today.



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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

ASSISTANT MANAGER, ACCOUNTS AND BUDGET

The Central Bank invites qualified individuals to join its Accounts and Budget Department.

The Assistant Manager, Accounts and Budget, is responsible for the operations of the Accounts and Budget Department and supervising the department's staff in providing accurate and complete financial information to support the organization's effective management and oversight.

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- Assist with managing the day-to-day operations of the department.
- Execute strategic initiatives aligned with the approved operational plan and ensure clear delegation to team members.
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- Collaborate with department heads in developing the annual budget, including preparing template, consolidating, and drafting for management review.
- Analyse financial data and trends to recommend improvements to the Bank's financial performance.
- Oversee daily accounting activities, including payments, transfers, accounts payable/receivable, and general ledger updates.
- Ensure effective time management in delivering all reports and reconciliations prepared by department staff.
- Liaise with internal and external auditors, tax advisors, and regulatory authorities by ensuring timely submissions and support during audits and reviews.
- Manage access to the main vault in accordance with established procedures and guidelines.
- Manage and ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the Central Bank's payment and procurement operations within established systems, procedures, and internal controls.
- Ensure full compliance with accounting standards, financial regulations, and internal control policies.
- Perform other related duties that may be assigned from time to time.

The applicants should possess the following:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- A master's degree in accounting, finance, banking, business administration, or other related field from a recognized university with three (3) years of relevant experience **OR**
- A bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, banking, business administration, or other related field from a recognized university with six (6) years of relevant experience.

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Familiarity with the Central Bank of Belize Act, and relevant sections of the Domestic Banks and Financial Institutions Act, Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) Act, and their accompanying regulations; Working knowledge of IFRS and accounting concepts and principles in general; Strong management and leadership skills; Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite.

COMPETENCIES

- Analytical Ability, Communication, Initiative, Interpersonal Relations, Job Knowledge, Organisational Ability, Problem Solving/Judgement, Quality of Output, Decision Making, Delegation & Empowerment, Strategic Management, Coaching & Development.

Submit the following documents by **Wednesday, 9 July 2025:**

- Central Bank Employment Form (available online)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Certified copies of university transcripts, degrees, and any other personal certificates
- Two (2) current references (preferably from previous or current employer)

Applications should be addressed to:

Manager, Human Resources Department
Central Bank of Belize
P O Box 852 or Gabourel Lane
Belize City, BELIZE

Ref: Assistant Manager- Accounts and Budget Department

Email: hr@centralbank.org.bz or online at www.centralbank.org.bz
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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF
INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES –
INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)**

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Field Supervisor
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-490564-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) is for a suitable qualified **FIELD SUPERVISOR FOR THE SUGAR INDUSTRY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (SIRDI)**. The Field Supervisor will work directly under the supervision of the Extension Officer (IPM) for SIRDI. All work conducted, including reports will be overseen by the Extension Officer (IPM) and the Climate Resilient & Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP) team.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit a **Field Supervisor for SIRDI**.

The consultancy is expected to be for an initial period of Twenty (20) months commencing August 2025.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

**Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)
Qualifications**

• Bachelor’s Degree in Agriculture, Agronomy or any other field related to the assignment. (max 10 points)

General Experience

• A minimum of three (3) years of work experience in the agricultural sector in the capacity of Supervisor. (max 15 points)

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

**Additional Requirements (Desirable)
Specific Experience**

- At least three years’ experience in implementing pest & disease management strategies and field protocols. (max 25 points)
- At least three years’ experience working with Android Applications, Global Positioning Systems (GPS) or other customized applications for data collection (max 20 points)
- At least three years’ experience working with farmers in rural communities (max 15 points)
- At least three assignments coordinating and conducting training to small groups of farmers (max 15 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **July 16, 2025** at 17:00 hours Belize Time.

Belize Social Investment Fund
Attn: Orlando Coc, Procurement Assistant
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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF
INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES –
INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)**

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Field Officers
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-490566-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) is for a suitable qualified **FIELD OFFICERS (3) FOR THE SUGAR INDUSTRY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (SIRDI)**. The Field Officers will work directly under the supervision of the Field Supervisor (IPM) for SIRDI. All work conducted, including reports, will be overseen by Field Supervisor (IPM) for SIRDI and the Climate Resilient & Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP) team.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit three **(3) Field Officers for SIRDI**.

The consultancy is expected to be for an initial period of Twenty (20) months commencing August 2025.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

**Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)
Qualifications**

• Associate Degree in Agricultural Science or a closely related field; however, a High School Diploma may be considered. (max 15 points)

General Experience

• A minimum of two (2) years of work experience in the agricultural sector. (max 15 points)

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

**Additional Requirements (Desirable)
Specific Experience**

- At least two years’ experience in implementing pest & disease management strategies and field protocols. (max 20 points)
- At least two years’ experience working with Android Applications, Global Positioning Systems (GPS) or other customized applications for data collection (max 20 points)
- At least one-year experience working with farmers in rural communities (max 15 points)
- At least one assignment coordinating and conducting training to small groups of farmers (max 15 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **July 16, 2025** at 17:00 hours Belize Time.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

Supply and installation of irrigation equipment in three (3) lots



Country: Belize

Project: Resilient Rural Belize Programme

Assignment Title: Supply and installation of irrigation equipment in three (3) lots

Reference No.: RRB.G.32

The Government of Belize through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Green Climate Fund ("GCF") towards the cost of Resilient Rural Belize Programme and intends to apply part of the proceeds to the works for which this Request for Bids (RFB) is issued.

The goods and related services, and the contract/s expected to be awarded, are divided into the following lots:

Lot 1: Supply of Control head: Cooperativa Los Buenos Amigos Cooperative, in Trio Village, Toledo District; Family Food Farmers Group, in Santa Familia Village, Cayo District; Bomba United Farmers' Cooperative, in Bomba Village, Belize District

Lot. 2 – Supply of Water Distribution Network (Assorted Pipes and Fittings) and Drip System: Cooperativa Los Buenos Amigos Cooperative, in Trio Village, Toledo District; Family Food Farmers Group, in Santa Familia Village, Cayo District; Bomba United Farmers' Cooperative, in Bomba Village, Belize District

Lot 3: Supply and Installation of Submersible Solar Water Pumps: Cooperativa Los Buenos Amigos Cooperative, in Trio Village, Toledo District; Family Food Farmers Group, in Santa Familia Village, Cayo District; Bomba United Farmers' Cooperative, in Bomba Village, Belize District

A bid-securing declaration is required to be submitted with a bid for the following lots:

- Lot 1
- Lot 2
- Lot 3

The Ministry of Finance, Investment, **Economic Transformation**, Civil Aviation & E-Governance/Resilient Rural Belize Programme now invites construction firms to submit bids for the construction of works as outlined in the Request for Bids (RFB) documentation. Contractor/s will be selected using the national competitive bidding (NCB) method in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook accessible at www.ifad.org/project-procurement. The NCB process will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

Bidders interested in submitting a bid shall request the full bidding document by sending an e-mail, giving full contact details of the bidder, to the following point of contact. This will ensure that the bidders receive the full bidding document (RFB) as well as updates regarding this procurement procedure.

Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Attn: Lemuel Palacio, Senior Procurement Officer
Hummingbird Highway
National Agriculture Showgrounds,
City of Belmopan, Belize
E-mail: lpalacio.rrb@med.gov.bz
Copied to: Nadia Vernon, nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz

Please note that bids can be submitted either physically or electronically. In submitting a physical bid, the bidder must submit one (1) original and two (2) copies, sealed in two separate inner envelopes, enclosed in one outer envelope, sealed and marked as per ITB 23.2(c), and addressed to the address stated above. In addition, one copy of the bid shall be an electronic copy saved on a flash drive also included in the sealed outer envelope. Electronic Bids shall be submitted by e-mail, as a password protected, single attachment, in pdf format, by the deadline and to the e-mail address stated above. The password shall be submitted in a separate e-mail, five (5) to ten (10) minutes after the bid submission deadline and before the public opening of bids as specified in BDS 24.1 and 27.1.

The pre-bid meeting shall be held at the following address: Resilient Rural Belize Programme Office, Hummingbird Highway, National Agriculture Show Grounds, City of Belmopan, Cayo District. The date and time of the pre-bid meeting is July 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. local time.

The deadline for submission of bids shall be no later than **July 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** local time at the address above.



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Belize

Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)

Loan No.: 9347 BE

Project ID No.: P172592

Assignment Title: Laboratory Technicians

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-490568-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") is for a suitable qualified **LABORATORY TECHNICIANS (2) FOR THE SUGAR INDUSTRY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (SIRDI) INTEGRATED PEST AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT LABORATORY**. The Laboratory Technicians will work directly under the supervision of the Head of the Laboratory. All work conducted, including reports will be overseen by the Head of the Laboratory and the Climate Resilient & Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP) team.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit three (2) **Laboratory Technicians for SIRDI**.

The consultancy is expected to be for an initial period of Twenty (20) months commencing August 2025.

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The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)

Qualifications

• Associate's Degree in general science, biology, chemistry, agriculture or a certified equivalent study. (10 points)

General Experience

• A minimum of two (2) years of work experience in the agricultural sector. (max 15 points)

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)

Specific Experience

• Laboratory Equipment Operation and Maintenance- Minimum of one year's hands-on experience operating, calibrating, and maintaining laboratory equipment. Experience with aseptic techniques and biosecurity protocols to prevent contamination and ensure the integrity of biological cultures. (Max 25 points)

• Laboratory Data Management and Reporting - Familiarity with regulatory documentation requirements for biological products. (max 20 points)

• Laboratory Diagnostics and Analysis- Experience in performing laboratory diagnostics and analyses, contamination checks, and other quality assurance tests. (max 15 points)

• Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Biological Control Research Support - Knowledge of regulatory and safety standards for handling agrochemical products. (max 15 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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NOTICE TO TAX DEFAULTERS

Pursuant to **Section 64A of the Tax Administration and Procedure Act, Cap 51, Revised Edition 2020, as amended by Act 19 of 2021**, the Director General of the Belize Tax Service Department hereby serves formal notice to tax defaulters with outstanding arrears due to the Government of Belize.

NAME	BUSINESS NATURE	LOCATION	TAX TYPE	AMOUNT OWED
HLB BELIZE, LLP	Accounting, auditing and tax consultancy	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax and GST	\$2,674,501.20
MAYATULUM GREAT DESTINATIONS	Construction of buildings	CAYE CAULKER	Business Tax and GST	\$75,934.69
LORENA YASMIN CERVANTES	Restaurants and mobile food service activities	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax	\$3,878.53
JOSEPH MEIGHAN t/a J AND B'S SECURITY SERVICE	Security system services activities	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax and GST	\$ 462,348.71
WALLACE DONAHUE TILLET	Architectural & Engineering activities	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax	\$ 229,415.88
BOSCO SUPERMARKET LTD	Supermarket retailing in sales of goods	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax and GST	\$ 59,774.47
IMASA PAINTS BELIZE COMPANY LIMITED	Retail sale in Paints	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax and GST	\$ 109,464.54
GRIDPOINT LAND SURVEYING LIMITED	Architectural & Engineering Consulting Activities	BELMOPAN	Business Tax and GST	\$ 45,514.55
MARINE & SERVICES LIMITED	Water Transportation & Freight Services	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax, GST, PAYE	\$ 760,019.11
MILTON PAULINO T/A PAULINO'S FUNERAL HOME	Funeral Activities	STANN CREEK	Business Tax and GST	\$ 138,049.64
DENVOR FAIRWEATHER T/A 13 PRODUCTIONS	Motion Picture, Video and television Production Activities	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax and GST	\$ 176,630.76
CP BUILDINGS LIMITED	Construction of Buildings	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax and GST	\$ 390,301.29
GWEN'S KITCHEN 2**	Restaurant & Food Mobile Services	BELIZE CITY	BT and GST	\$ 82,257.53
FLOR DE LOS ANGELES MELARA t/a JULIE'S CORN TORTILLA	Restaurant & Food Mobile Services	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax	\$ 6,727.15
HEATHER DAWN LESLIE t/a DIS N' DAT CORNER	Retail Sales in non-specialized Stores	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax and GST	\$ 41,609.91
ECO FRIENDLY SOLUTIONS LIMITED	Retail sale in ecofriendly products	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax, GST and, PAYE	\$ 855,056.79
MARK NEAL T/A BODY 2000	other sport activities	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax and GST	\$ 124,265.87
MICHELLE RUDON t/a GENESIS ARTS	Other professional activities	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax and GST	\$ 107,095.26
SMOQIZ BISTRO	Restaurant & Food Mobile Services	PLACENCIA	Business Tax and GST	\$ 44,915.08
DENICE LEE RYAN t/a BLACK PEARL RESTAURANT	Restaurant & Food Mobile Services	SAN PEDRO	Business Tax and GST	\$ 477,925.82
NORTHERN FISHERMEN COOPERATIVE SOCIETY**	Marine Fishing	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax and GST	\$ 8,749,067.24
ANDREW MUNNINGS t/a MUNNINGS FUNERAL SERVICES	Funeral and live streaming services	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax and GST	\$ 10,069.96
ELRINGTON & COMPANY LIMITED**	Legal Services	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax and GST	\$ 100,508.90
AHMAD HARMOUCH t/a LOCAL GROCERY STORE	Retail sales in non-specialized stores	SAN PEDRO	Business Tax and GST	\$ 32,761.96
JAIME ANTONIO RIVERA	Contractor	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax	\$ 260,669.01
LAURAJEAN FLOWERS t/a D KRIOL KITCHEN & LOUNGE	Restaurant & Food Mobile Services	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax and GST	\$ 38,958.26
UNION DISTRIBUTION	Retail of pharmaceutical & medical goods	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax	\$ 381,886.95
PLEXAR CAPITAL LLC	Real Estate activities	STANN CREEK	Business Tax and PAYE	\$ 1,364,096.08
CALVERT SUPAUL JR.	Wholesale of food, beverages, and tobacco.	TOLEDO	Business Tax	\$ 154,714.23
RONGMAN LI t/a PLACENCIA STORE PRESTIGE AUTO SALES	Retail sale in non-specialized stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating.	PLAENCIA	Business Tax and GST	\$ 109,946.17
	Sale of Motor Vehicles	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax and GST	\$ 162,565.66
BELIZE FORMATION SERVICE LIMITED**	Management of Trust, Fund, ICBs and other financial services	BELIZE CITY	Business Tax, PAYE and PAYE Recon	\$ 165,372.78
DEZHENG ZHU t/a YEESY SHOPPING	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	ORANGE WALK	Business Tax, GST, PAYE and PAYE Recon	\$ 78,646.50

** kindly resume communication with BTSD, immediately.

You are hereby directed to contact the Belize Tax Service Department without delay to settle all outstanding tax arrears. Failure to comply, immediately will result in swift legal action under Part VIII of the TAPA, for the full recovery of the amounts owed.

Director General
Belize Tax Service Department

ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES DEPARTMENT
VILLAGE COUNCILS ELECTIONS
OFFICIAL RESULTS - 29th JUNE 2025

BELIZE DISTRICT												
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes	
6/29/25	Caye Caulker	Chairperson					1398	925		66.17	8	25
		JIMENEZ, Celina Maritza	Chairperson	411				44.43				
		VILLANUEVA, Seleny Amina	Chairperson	514	Elected			55.57				
		Members					5256			5	22	
		FLORIAN, Abner Ocas	Member	430				8.18				
		GUSMAN, Porfirio Andres	Member	409				7.78				
		LEAL JOHNSON, Emelia Rodisha	Member	434				8.26				
		MARIN, Sergio Miguel	Member	501	Elected			9.53				
		PITTS, Sanja Gordon	Member	357				6.79				
		SMITH, Yesenia Guadalupe	Member	398				7.57				
		BLEASE, Alida Lupe	Member	450	Elected			8.56				
		GONGORA, Luis Martin	Member	479	Elected			9.11				
		NEAL, Miguel Angel	Member	428				8.14				
		ROSADO, Ilya Ramon	Member	470	Elected			8.94				
		USHER, Elizabeth Maria	Member	459	Elected			8.73				
		YOUNG, Tracie Nadine	Member	441	Elected			8.39				
BELIZE DISTRICT (cont.)												
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes	
6/29/25	Ladyville	Chairperson					4084	839		20.54	3	61
		BENNET, Bernardo	Chairperson	628	Elected			74.85				
		ORTIZ, Michael Mitchel	Chairperson	211				25.15				
		Members					4542			9	68	
		BLAIR, Ashanti	Member	595	Elected			13.10				
		CHOC, Luciano	Member	593	Elected			13.06				
		OTTLEY, Marvin Raymond	Member	552	Elected			12.15				
		PAUL, Mirna Zulema	Member	588	Elected			12.95				
		PEREZ, Salinas Norberto	Member	571	Elected			12.57				
		THOMPSON, Ashley	Member	597	Elected			13.14				
		EL-AMIN, Ahmad	Member	217				4.78				
		HERNANDEZ, Mia Amber	Member	191				4.21				
		SERRANO, Hernan Antonio	Member	235				5.17				
		SEWELL, Paul	Member	225				4.95				
		SHEPERD, Juvanna	Member	178				3.92				
		ORANGE WALK DISTRICT										
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes	
6/29/25	San Felipe	Chairperson					1120	899		80.27	7	7
		DELGADO, Ever Jeobani	Chairperson	548	Elected			60.96				
		WICAB, Wilfred Adabel	Chairperson	351				39.04				
		Members					5271			7	13	
		CAMARA, Selina Gabriela	Member	539	Elected			10.23				
		CARDONA, Yurian Nedeli	Member	558	Elected			10.59				
		DOMINGUEZ, Josue Adan	Member	554	Elected			10.51				
		DOMINGUEZ, Ricardo Emanuel	Member	547	Elected			10.38				
		MURILLO, Luciano Luis Enrique	Member	543	Elected			10.30				
		PATT, Litzy Miriel	Member	525	Elected			9.96				
		ACEBEDO, Sonia Noemi	Member	335				6.36				
		ANGELES, Nimzi Zarai	Member	328				6.22				

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		CANTE, Daren Kevin	Member	345				6.55				
		CRUZ, Harvey Osmond	Member	345				6.55				
		DOMINGUEZ, Emmanuel Eber	Member	325				6.17				
		MAGANA, Vernon Harry	Member	327				6.20				
ORANGE WALK DISTRICT (cont.)												
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes	
6/29/25	Guinea Grass	Chairperson					2199	1245		56.62	1	46
		ORTIZ, Michael Jonathan	Chairperson	490				39.36				
		UCK, Benito Olegario	Chairperson	755	Elected			60.64				
		Members						7313			2	39
		CHAN, Elizabeth Emma	Member	471				6.44				
		COH, Jason Francis	Member	463				6.33				
		CRAWFORD, Jerry Noelen	Member	470				6.43				
		MENDOZA, Mindy Shahira	Member	464				6.34				
		POTT, Tanairy Aiasurys	Member	451				6.17				
		VASQUEZ, Daniel Deandre	Member	441				6.03				
		BONELL, Jacqueline Louise	Member	757	Elected			10.35				
		CAMARA, Ismael	Member	768	Elected			10.50				
		CAN, Leonardo Armando	Member	761	Elected			10.41				
		COPO, Alvaro Raydel	Member	763	Elected			10.43				
		COPO, Nasario Damian	Member	762	Elected			10.42				
		RODNEY, Roosevelt	Member	742	Elected			10.15				
CAYO DISTRICT												
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes	
6/29/25	Bullet Tree Falls	Chairperson					2068	901		43.57	2	23
		WRIGHT, Akeem Ryan	Chairperson	311				34.52				
		JIMENEZ, Edwardo	Member	312				5.87				
		JIMENEZ, Janel Kenicha	Member	308				5.79				
		MARTINEZ, Christy Ann	Member	320				6.02				
		PARHAM, Israel Lindford	Member	306				5.75				
		PINELO, Julia Marina	Member	293				5.51				
		WILLIAM, Lucila Iraida	Member	303				5.70				
		COCOM, Alfredo Fidel	Member	565	Elected			10.62				
		MEDINA, Hipolita	Member	578	Elected			10.87				
		MEDINA, Jose Elias	Member	585	Elected			11.00				
		MELENDEZ, Arnoldo Jorge	Member	591	Elected			11.11				
		ROMERO, Rigoberto Cesar	Member	576	Elected			10.83				
		TESECUM, Ancelma	Member	581	Elected			10.93				
CAYO DISTRICT (cont.)												
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes	
6/29/25	Buena Vista	Chairperson					403	256		63.52	1	13
		ACENCIO, Byron Estuardo	Chairperson	196	Elected			76.56				
		PENA, Wilder	Chairperson	60				23.44				
		Members						1426			1	16
		AMAYA, Kevin	Member	190	Elected			13.32				
		CASTILLO, Pio Julio	Member	186	Elected			13.04				
		DEPAZ, Ester Guerra	Member	183	Elected			12.83				
		GARCIA, Maria Cristina	Member	187	Elected			13.11				
		HERNANDEZ, Silvia Maribel	Member	187	Elected			13.11				
		MENDEZ, Brenis Siyyid	Member	182	Elected			12.76				
		CARRANZA, Erbin Enrique	Member	58				4.07				

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		DE LA ROSA, Irma Yolanda	Member	49				3.44			
		GARCIA, Rafael Antonio	Member	54				3.79			
		BENITEZ LAMOTHE, Sergio Orlando	Member	50				3.51			
		GONZALEZ LOPEZ, Eugenio	Member	49				3.44			
		REYES, Ever Elioenai	Member	51				3.58			

CAYO DISTRICT (cont.)

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6/29/25	Georgeville	Chairperson				506	242		47.83	0	30
		DAVIS HARRISON, Carrol Sharon		Chairperson	113			46.69			
		HALL, Joyce Thelma		Chairperson	129	Elected		53.31			
		Members					1435			3	4
		DIAZ, Delroy Dorian		Member	132	Elected		9.20			
		GENTLE, Wayne Anthony		Member	109			7.60			
		GUY, Isaac Clifford		Member	114			7.94			
		JONES, Sharen Sharett		Member	128	Elected		8.92			
		THURTON, Annica Angela		Member	90			6.27			
		VASQUEZ, Francine Nicale		Member	122	Elected		8.50			
		AYUSO, Angelique Elvira Nicole		Member	122	Elected		8.50			
		GENTLE, Yahaira Javiera		Member	115			8.01			
		JONES, Jade Sophia		Member	113			7.87			
		LOCKE, Kimberly		Member	118			8.22			
		VASQUEZ, Anfernee Elsworth		Member	133	Elected		9.27			
		VASQUEZ, Anthony		Member	139	Elected		9.69			

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6/29/25	Duck Run III	Chairperson				263	180		68.44	0	6	
		LARIOS, Erick Alexander	Chairperson	66				36.67				
		PEREZ, Ruben	Chairperson	114	Elected			63.33				
		Members					1072			3	4	
		PALACIOS, Nixson Alexci	Member	60				5.60				
		PORTILLO, Lillian Letizia	Member	63				5.88				
		RIVERA, Duany	Member	66				6.16				
		SALAZAR, Angel Nehemias	Member	63				5.88				
		SANDOVAL, Irbin Ronaldo	Member	63				5.88				
		SANDOVAL, Marvin Leonard	Member	64				5.97				
		BARILLAS, Florentino	Member	116	Elected			10.82				
		LOPEZ, Luciany Melissa	Member	118	Elected			11.01				
		LOPEZ, Samuel Nemias	Member	113	Elected			10.54				
		MIRANDA, Karen Cecilia	Member	113	Elected			10.54				
		PEREZ, Adeleny Janet	Member	117	Elected			10.91				
		QUINONEZ, Ovidio	Member	116	Elected			10.82				

CAYO DISTRICT (cont.)

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes	
6/29/25	Camalote	Chairperson				1056	463		43.84	6	21	
		ORELLANO, Shandi S.	Chairperson	337	Elected			72.79				
		PARHAM, Derrick	Chairperson	126				27.21				
		Members					2641			5	22	
		BANNER, Marilyn	Member	354	Elected			13.40				
		BANNER, Racquel	Member	351	Elected			13.29				
		GARCIA, Aracely	Member	324	Elected			12.27				
		LINAREZ, Jose	Member	335	Elected			12.68				
		MEIGHAN, Delroy	Member	332	Elected			12.57				
		SOSA, Maura	Member	292	Elected			11.06				
		BONILLA, Evdlin	Member	107				4.05				
		CASTELLANOS, Maynor	Member	123				4.66				
		MARTINEZ, Edwin	Member	109				4.13				
		MONTERO, Anita	Member	106				4.01				

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		MONTERO, Anita	Member	106				4.01				
		POP, Rojelio	Member	105				3.98				
		XI, Jose	Member	103				3.90				
CAYO DISTRICT (cont.)												
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes	
6/29/25	Roaring Creek	Chairperson				1279	784		61.30	0	9	
		BANNER, Jervis Jevon	Chairperson	509	Elected			64.92				22
		PELAYO, Dale Daniel	Chairperson	275				35.08				
		Members					4529			3		
		GILHARRY, Sam Patrick	Member	496	Elected			10.95				
		GILL, Joel Alexander	Member	493	Elected			10.89				
		MCKOY, Godfrey Gilbert	Member	484	Elected			10.69				
		ROWLAND, Shanise Elizabeth	Member	481	Elected			10.62				
		USHER, Desirie Delvorine	Member	476	Elected			10.51				
		WRIGHT, Breanne Earlene	Member	474	Elected			10.47				
		BELISLE, Randine Amanda	Member	270				5.96				
		LOAGUE, Karon Kafiar	Member	286				6.31				
		MONTERO, Veronica Francisca	Member	268				5.92				
		ORELLANO, Samantha	Member	263				5.81				
		RICHARDS, Keisha Ann Elizabeth	Member	275				6.07				
		VALDEZ, Wilbert Orlando	Member	263				5.81				
CAYO DISTRICT (cont.)												
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes	
6/29/25	San Jose Succotz	Chairperson				1897	994		52.40	3	22	
		CHAN, Derric Ismael	Chairperson	493				49.60				42
		COCOM, Armando Ventura	Chairperson	501	Elected			50.40				
		Members					5731			7		
		CHAN, Oscar Rene Jr.	Member	499	Elected			8.71				
		MAGANA, Yanicela Yolie	Member	485	Elected			8.46				
		PUC, Otto Antonio	Member	509	Elected			8.88				
		REYES, Evelyn Johanna	Member	465				8.11				
		SANCHEZ, Marisol	Member	496	Elected			8.65				
		VALDEZ, Gilberto Rolando	Member	488	Elected			8.52				
		CHAN, Ana Lilian	Member	468				8.17				
		CHI, Keren Sarai	Member	475	Elected			8.29				
		HERNANDEZ, Jaemelly Marie-Cruz	Member	468				8.17				
		SCOTT, Mirla	Member	460				8.03				
		UCK, Jorge Alberto	Member	471				8.22				
		UK, Alvin Leroy	Member	447				7.80				
TOLEDO DISTRICT (cont.)												
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes	
6/29/25	San Benito Poite	Chairperson				188	111		59.04	0	3	
		CAAL, Ricardo	Chairperson	45				40.54				0
		MAQUIN, Bilio	Chairperson	66	Elected			59.46				
		Members					660			0		
		ASH, Juan	Member	47				7.12				
		CUCUL TZIGN, Carlos Fernando	Member	45				6.82				
		MAQUIN, Rafael	Member	44				6.67				
		MAQUIN, Vicente	Member	48				7.27				
		TECK, Rosa	Member	47				7.12				
		TOX CUCUL, Joel Osbaldo	Member	45				6.82				
		ACK, Sergio	Member	63	Elected			9.55				
		CHE, Santiago	Member	62	Elected			9.39				
		ICO, Andres	Member	66	Elected			10.00				
		MAQUIN, Jose	Member	66	Elected			10.00				
		QUIB, Rogelio	Member	67	Elected			10.15				
		RASH, Silvestro	Member	60	Elected			9.09				

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6/29/25	Jalacte	Chairperson					258	167		64.73	1	1
		BO, Jeremias		Chairperson	59				35.33			
		SHO, Ermelindo		Chairperson	108	Elected			64.67			
		Members						986			1	2
		CHUN, Meto		Member	53				5.38			
		CUCUL, Lucas		Member	52				5.27			
		ISHIM, Melvin Henrey		Member	50				5.07			
		POP, Mateo		Member	53				5.38			
		XI, Daisy Maryela		Member	45				4.56			
		XI, Jose		Member	46				4.67			
		CAC, Ermelindo Ramizas		Member	115	Elected			11.66			
		CHOC, Queven		Member	119	Elected			12.07			
		CHOC, Santiago		Member	115	Elected			11.66			
		OH, Teresa		Member	109	Elected			11.05			
		SALAM, Jose		Member	114	Elected			11.56			
SALAM, Thomas		Member	115	Elected			11.66					

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6/29/25	Santa Elena	Chairperson				96	77		80.21	0	0	
		CAL, Edam Porfecto	Chairperson	48	Elected			62.34				
		CHOC, Basilisio	Chairperson	29				37.66				
		Members					436			1	2	
		CHOC, Celestino Jr.	Member	48	Elected			11.01				
		CHOC, Delfino	Member	46	Elected			10.55				
		CHOC, Regina	Member	45	Elected			10.32				
		CHOC, Reuben	Member	45	Elected			10.32				
		COH, Elena	Member	45	Elected			10.32				
		ICO, Mateo	Member	46	Elected			10.55				
		CAAL, Mateo	Member	28				6.42				
		CAL, Beronica	Member	27				6.19				
		CHOC, Dionicio Jr	Member	28				6.42				
		CHIAAC, Felecito	Member	26				5.96				
		KUS, Pedro	Member	25				5.73				
		SHO, Leah	Member	27				6.19				

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6/29/25	Mabilha	Chairpersons				112	69		61.61	1	0	
		CAHABON, Julian	Chairperson	39	Elected			56.52				
		SAM, Miguel	Chairperson	30				43.48				
		Members					402			0	0	
		CAHABON, Eduardo	Member	38	Elected			9.45				
		CAL, Juan	Member	39	Elected			9.70				
		SALAM, Andres	Member	38	Elected			9.45				
		SALAM, Emiliano	Member	38	Elected			9.45				
		SALAM, Jose Jr	Member	38	Elected			9.45				
		SALAM, Mario	Member	38	Elected			9.45				
		CABABOM, Santiago	Member	30				7.46				
		CHIAAC, Pedro	Member	29				7.21				
		MIS, NELI Orlando	Member	29				7.21				
		MIS, Quilmer	Member	29				7.21				
		POP, Sebastian	Member	28				6.97				
		SALAM, Felis	Member	28				6.97				

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